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### Saving a life



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# **UPFRONT**

■ CANCER: Kid, family grateful to blood donors

# Saving a life in 60 minutes

#### FRANKI IKEMAN Postmedia Network

For a seven-year-old Port Colborne boy, Wednesday was an opportunity to thank people for saving lives like

It wasn't a super-hero convention, just a chance for regular people to save a life in an

At a blood donor clinic held in honour of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Jason Bekker-Thompson and his family visited to thank people for donating

Donated blood helped to save Jason's life just a few vears ago.

He was only four years old when he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He endured 25 months of chemotherapy and radiation and in that time received 10 to 15 blood transfusions, said his morn Narece Bekker. In December 2014, Jason finished his chemo treatment.

He started Grade 3 this week, healthy and happy, Bekker

"If you saw him you would never, ever think that he ever had cancer," she said. And the kid bouncing

around and cracking tokes in the gymnasium of Christian Life Assembly in Port Colborne while his mom gave blood certainly didn't look

Bekker wasn't alone in donating Wednesday. Beds were full as were several chairs with people waiting their turns

Pastor John Dell donated for the first time Wednesday and said the experience was good and easy.

He decided to donate partially because we have the clinic set up here in the church, and because it's a good thing to do. Also I have a brother who is a leukemia survivor," he said.

'For me to see people in the community donating blood, you know every time you donate blood you're pretty much guaranteed to save someone's life," Bekker said.



Narece Bekker donates blood in honour of her son Jason Bekker-Thompson, 7, who is a leukemia survivor, at a blood donor clinic at Christian Life Assembly on Vednesday.

"Even if you ever only do it once, you're possibly a hero

She said she would encourage everyone to give blood. even though it can be uncomfortable for a few minutes.

"It's kind of a strange feeling, but you feel really good when you're done," she said. "You have to think about how uncomfortable it must be to need that blood.

Donating blood is one of the single most important things for a child or an adult

with cancer. And of course, hundreds of other diseases and accidents where people

need it," she said. Every September, Canadian Blood Services encourages people to give blood in honour of Childhood Cancer Awareness month, said Michael Betel, director of

donor relations for south cen-Betel said a kid with leukemia can require up to eight blood donors per week, and at any given time the Cana-

tral Ontario

dian Blood Services requires 17,000 units of blood weekly.

He said blood donations were thin throughout the last few days of summer and the Labour Day weekend and hopes people will donate

"People who donate really et a lot out of it personally. It's the knowledge of saving a person's life," Betel said. "In less than an hour you can really make a difference. Betel said people often talk

ing need of so many Canadians. And in this case, there are so many children." The next blood donor clinic

incidents

in Port Colborne is on Nov. 11 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Lakeshore Catholic High School. There are two upcoming clinics in Welland also, the first on Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to

tions," he said, "It's the ongo-

about the need for blood in noon and the second on Oct. relation to car-crash victims 22 from 1:30 to 7:30 n.m. Both and other life-threatening will be held at the Welland Community Wellness Com-"Those are one-off situa-

Betel said people can book in advance to reserve a bed or walk in. Appointments can be booked and further information found at www.blood.ca. by downloading the mobile

app, or phoning 1-888-236franki.ikeman@sunmedia.ca Twitter: ØFrankilkeman

# Niagara mayors set to stomp out poverty

#### FRANKI IKEMAN Postmedia Network

Niagara mayors are preparing to roll up their pant legs and put their feet to work at the annual Mayor's Invitational Grape Stomp at Montebello Park in St. Catharines Sept. 19.

This year, St. Catharines Mayor Walter Sendzik has challenged his fellow mayors to Stomp Out Poverty by choosing a beneficiary charity

to collect food donations for. Port Colborne Mayor John Maloney will support Port Cares and is collecting food items at city hall until Sept.

The mayors will stomp grapes into juice in traditional grape barrels, and the mayor with the most juice at the end wins The final tally will include

juice made plus the total volume of food donations collected "They want to help me?

Bring lots of food," Maloney said, laughing "I'd say there's some seri-

ous competition coming out of Port Colborne here, said Christine Clark Lafleur. executive director of Port She said efforts like this

are important to the outreach centre and for bringing attention to the needs of the community it serves.

\*Every gesture is important to us. It's always an ongoing need," Clark Lafleur said, "What comes in, goes back out:

The outreach centre on Nickel Street has a grocery



From left: Christine Clark Laffeur, John Maloney and Amanda Upper show some of the food items people can donate to Port Cares

room for people to pick up food for themselves and their families and runs several different programs to help people experiencing hard times

"They do excellent work here in the community.

community would do without this facility operating," Maloney said. With September seeing

kids back at school, the food bank is also running a lunch bag program - which Clark

and I'm not sure what the Lafleur described as a dignity program - where parents can pick up a bag filled with enough lunch items for a week of school.

She said the food bank has the ability to take donations like lunch meats and fresh

fruit and those things are always needed. "A third of the individuals supported by this food bank

are kids. A majority of those entranceway. children are under the age of 14." Clark Lafleur said People wishing to donate

to Maloney's Stomp Out Hunger effort can do so at city hall, where bins have been placed in the main

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I'VE BEEN THINKING

# We must put the word amazing back into grace

PASTOR GARY TOMIUCK

Wainfleet Congregational Christian Church n the book and the play Les Miserables,

bread. Upon release no one would take him in except a kind bishop. In spite of this, Jean in the darkness of the night stole the family's silver and escaped. He

was caught by the police and then returned to the bishop's house. The bishop responded as no one expected. "So here you are, I am delighted to see you,

Jean. Have you forgotten that I gave you the candlesticks as well?"

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how we can give our lives away in service to Genesis 1:1 — "In the beginning God" could almost be interpreted as in "The

Beginning Grace." God is grace, the Gospel is grace and Jesus is full of grace and truth. Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21 bookends that once amazing word grace. For the last verse in the last book of the Bible reads "The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Every Bible-believing Christian would echo a hearty amen to that truth. We are saved by grace, we are justified by grace, we are sancti-

fied by grace and we persevere by Grace. God's underserved grace starts us on our journey, preserves us and will one day bring us all the way home. This amazing Grace is not only super abundant and overflowing, it is also available for all who put their faith and

trust in Christ,

John Bunyan spoke of his own salvation experience in a book aptly titled Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners. The apostle Paul considered himself just that. The closer you get to the Lord the more sinful you feel. You feel undone like Isaiah and overcome like the angels who shield their faces from God's brightness, splendour and glory. The glory of His grace is indescribable and can only he appreciated, accepted and lived out in gratitude to God and others.

We must put that word amazing hack into grace. Christians are here on a mission, that is why they are not left behind in the good sense of that term.

We are given abounding grace commensurate with any and every affliction that is sent our way. A true Christian will not be popular in this world. If they persecuted Christ

and they surely did - His followers will be persecuted, marginalized or at the very least they will have special struggles that go with the territory with being Christians, But they can and do rejoice in those struggles difficult as they may be or the Lord would not have them so. Is not the worth of the soldier tested in battle? Is not the Lord the captain of their army? And did not the apostle Paul that great believer and preacher of grace suffer the most of any of the other Apostles except Jesus

Paul was given the "thorn in the flesh," We do not know what it was and I am elad we don't for it highlights the fact that God's grace is more than sufficient for every trial and tribulation that we will ever encounter. Paul prayed three times for his thorn removal hut it was not God's will to grant that request. For God's power is made perfect in weakness.

Paul came to the position where he could say with absolute confidence "for when I am weak, then I am strong," Paul actually even hoasted about his weaknesses so that Christ's power might rest in him. (2 Corinthians 12:9). His trial was painful (vs 7), it was prayerworthy (vs 8), purposeful (vs 9) and it was also praiseworthy (vs.10).

Multiplied by infinity the Lord's cup removal was not granted either (as He prayed this prayer in the garden of Gethsemane) it was also not granted. and thankfully not or there would be absolutely no hope for any of us. This was also extremely painful (mentally, spiritually and physically); it was prayerworthy, Jesus prayed three times in the garden; it was purposeful, without the cross and the Resurrection there would certainly be no hope for anyone; and finally it was praiseworthy. In Jesus' life, ministry, death and Resurrection, He praised God in each of these areas of His life and supremely in the most difficult circumstances imaginable.

It's all of grace. Grace upon grace upon grace. n the beginning God the Father, in the heginning God the Son, in the beginning God the Holy Spirit and in the heginning grace.

## Shipwrecks – Juno



The Polish-owned bulk carrier Juno ran aground under the Thousand Islands Bridge on April 20, 2015.

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he Polish-owned hulk carrier Juno began coming to the Great Lakes in Sept. 2011, shortly after it had been completed at Tongzhou, China. The 190-metre long vessel operates under the flag of Bahamas and had made five inland trips to the end of 2014 with stops at Cleveland. Milwaukee, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder

The ship did not have a lot of luck earlier this year. It ran aground under the Thousand Islands Bridge on April 20, 2015, The ship had lost steering due to a rudder failure while en route to Toronto with a cargo of sugar and was fortunate not to have struck the bridge. The vessel stranded on a ledge and was stuck for two days.

Then, on Aug. 2, Juno suffered a mechanical problem entering the Seaway and had to he towed back to Montreal and anchored for repairs. Once the work was done, the ship resumed the journey and reached Thunder Bay in mid-month to pick up a cargo of grain for overseas delivery.

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# Inquest called in detention centre death

#### Postmedia Network

An inquest will be held into the death of an American man at the Niagara Detention Centre, Dr. David Eden, the regional coroner for inquests, announced Wednesday.

The inquest will examine the events surrounding the death of Joseph Charles Dunn Dunn, 43, died Sept, 27, 2014 while in the custody of the Canadian Border

Services Agency at the Niagara Deten-The inquest will examine the events

leading up to Dunn's death. The jury may make recommendations aimed at preventing similar deaths. Dunn was indicted in September on

charges of child cruelty in connection with the death of his 20-month-old foster son in Locust Grove, Ga., south of Atlanta. He fled, crossed the border in Niagara and filed a refugee claim.

Details regarding the date and location will be provided when the information becomes available, Eden said. Regional coroner Dr. Jack Stanborough will preside over the inquest and assistant Crown attorney Graeme Leach will be counsel to the coroner.

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### Cemetery tours offer lively look at history

#### MICHELLE ALLENBERG

Postmedia Network The Port Colborne Marine and Historical Museum is offering cemetery tours as a way to learn the history of Port Col-

home and its community Archivist Michelle Vosburgh said the cemetery tours have been running for three years. They are put together by the staff at the museum, as well as volun-

tours to choose from: Oakwood, Overhold and St. Paul's Lutheran. Each cemetery has a unique history and Vosburgh said they tell people not only the history of the cemetery, but also about some of the people buried there. The tours also touch on the conservation of graveetonee

"We want to show people how to treat the stones. People shouldn't touch the stone, it wears away." Vosburgh

Don't expect a scary experience, though. Vosburgh said the tours are beld during the day and they don't talk about shosts. She said they keep the tours

historically accurate and do a lot of research about the cemeteries and area Tours start Thursday and run

until Oct. 24, There are only six tours in total, two for each cemetery, and the tours are kept small. about 12 to 15 people. They run for about 90 minutes each Tickets cost \$5 and you can be booked by phoning the Port Colborne Museum at 905-834-7604

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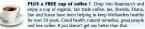
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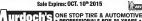
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#### Lanterns land on Pelham farm with fuel tank

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Pelham Fire Services is reminding residents that flying paper lanterns also known as Chinese lanterns - are a potential fire hazard, particularly during the current hot and dry weather condi-

Early this month the town's fire department was contacted by a Sumbler Road man who had found the remains of about 15 large flying lanterns on his property.

The property is a farm with a fuel tank, wooden buildings, including a home and animal shelter, straw and, due to current weather conditions, dry vegetation including pine trees — all of which could have caught fire with potentially lothal moults

Pelham's fire department cautioned people to avoid using flying lanterns due to the potential fire hazards.

Wainfleet issued a similar warning

Flying lanterns are lanterns made out of a thin paper bag with a wick at the open end. Hot air from the lit wick makes the lantern rise, and it will float away on a breeze. As there is no control over where these lanterns will eventually

land, they are considered a fire hazard. The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal issued a warning to Health Canada as far back as 2009 that outlined the hazards and expressed its concerns about sky lanterns. The federal agency remains committed to monitoring the media about problems resulting from their use.

To date, they are still legal to buy and Many farmers, and homeowners, complain about the steel wire debris they also leave behind.

Pelham residents who find flying lanterns or who have questions should contact fire prevention officer Saskia Holditch at 892-2607, ext. 202.



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# Overall Seaway cargo slumps this year

#### Postmedia Network

The St. Lawrence Seaway is reporting mixed results for its shipping season so far this

Results for the first half of the season were bolstered by shipments of construction materials and heavy lift cargo for the renewable energy sector, according to the latest figures released Friday However, global weakness

for some commodities slowed overall tonnage results. The Seaway said the fall outlook is also tempered by a drought in western Canada. which has lowered expecta-

tions for the baryest According to figures from the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp., dry bulk tonincluding road salt from Canadian mines and construction materials - was 5.4 million metric tons, up 9% over the same period in 2014.

Bruce Hodgson, director of development for the Seaway, said the Welland Canal hasn't experienced a noticeable difference compared to other areas, aside from lower ironore volumes.

"And a lot of this is being driven by what's happening in China and globally," he said. He said shipments of the ore had previously been moving through the canal to Quebec City for export to China.

"We're not seeing that activity this year," Hodgson said. The other factor we're watching closely, and it could play

now, is grain from Western Canada

While Alberta and Saskatchewan have suffered from drought conditions, Manitoba has enjoyed a record crop.

"We think that could bring some positive news as we get to the end of the season and that grain begins to move, Hodgson said.

Elsewhere along the Seaway system, cement and aggregate shipments into the Port of Toronto from the start of the season to the end of July were up by 7% compared to the same period last year. That's to supply the city's robust construction sector.

The Port of Thunder Bay also saw an upsurge in traffic in heavy-lift general cargo



shipments through the Seaway between April 2 and Aug. 31, up 23% compared to last season. That port has received wind turbines, oversized equipment for a northern Ontario gold mine and

machinery for energy projects

in Alberta's oil sands

These areas of strength however, were offset by that 16% decline in shipments of iron ore through the Seaway. a 38% decrease in coal shipments, and a slump in Canadian grain cargoes compared to a banner year in 2014. The result is overall cargo

Apr. 2-Aug. 31 was 18.3 million metric tons, down 10.6% from the same period last Meanwhile, St. Catharines-

based Algoma Central Corp. has also announced it is has signed conditional contracts to build three, 740-foot Seaway Max self-unloading bulk freighters to join its Great Lake-St. Lawrence Waterway dry-bulk fleet.

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# Hiring prospects lukewarm

#### GREG FURMINGER Postmedia Network

In Niagara, Welland and St. Catharines areas appear to have the lowest risk of people losing their jobs over the coming months, according to the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey results released Tuesday.

In both Welland and St. Catharines, 13 per cent of employers surveyed indicated hiring intentions over their next quarter, while seven per cent anticipated cutbacks. said Erica Melarangeli of Manpower's Hamilton office.

Three per cent of surveyed employers are unsure about their intentions in Welland. while seven per cent were unsure in the St. Catharines survey area. Seasonably adjusted figures

suggest "a mild hiring pace

for the upcoming months" in Welland, said Melarangeli. St. Catharines' seasonably

adjusted fourth quarter net employment outlook is better, indicating "a positive hiring pace for the upcoming months," she said.

In the Niagara Falls area, 13 per cent of employers also anticipate hiring, and 13 per cent anticipate cutbacks. However, "with seasonal

variations removed from the data, Niagara Falls' fourth quarter net employment outlook of 17 per cent is an increase of 21 percentage points when compared to the previous quarterly outlook ... indicating a favourable hiring pace for the upcoming months."

A "slow" hiring pace is expected for Fort Erie, with 10 per cent of employers expect-

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ing to hire and 13 per cent forecasting cutbacks. Seven per cent are unsure what the

future holds. Across Canada, Mannower reported, job prospects are strongest in wholesale and retail trade

With seasonal variations

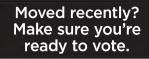
removed from data, the country's net employment outlook of six per cent is a three per cent decrease when compared

to both the previous quarter and the outlook reported during the same time last year. The survey of more than 1,900 employers across Can-

ada found 11 per cent plan to increase their staffing levels in the fourth quarter of 2015, while nine per cent expect cutbacks. Three per cent were

Hiring intentions are most upbeat in Atlantic Canada, Manpower said. Large-sized (250+ employees) organizations project the most positive hiring prospects for this

quarter. The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey has been running for more than 50 years currently in 42 countries and territories.



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# Police out in force for traffic blitz

#### ALISON LANGLEY Postmedia Network

Police say their annual safety blitz to coincide with the first day of school was a

Starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, every available officer participated in the Niagara Regional Police's annual All Hands on Deck traffic safety and awareness campaign.

Officers issued 66 provincial offence notices for speeding and seven for distracted driving. Ten drivers were issued provincial offence notices for seatbelt and child safety restraint violations and 13 more for various rules of the road violations. There were no arrests.

The initiative, now in its 15th year, was designed to he a visible reminder to residents that children are back

to school and that drivers gara Regional Police all year should slow down, watch for pedestrians and pay attention to crossing guards.

Officers targeted aggressive driving as well as distracted drivers and violation of child restraint and seathelt laws For the most part, people

are grateful for the reminder because after a few months of summer some drivers may have a laissez-faire attitude towards their driving habits, police said More than 90 officers from

the police chief to divisional detectives were reassigned from their daily duties to participate in enforcement teams that were stationed outside 75 school zones across Nia-

"The District School Board of Niagara appreciates the support of the Nia-

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round, but especially on the first week back to school." said Warren Hoshizaki, DSBN

director of education. "Reminding drivers to watch out for children and respect school zone speed limits helps all students enjoy a safe, happy and successful

school year. Traffic congestion near local schools was high at certain times during the day as many parents opted to drive kids to school because of the

"The (police) provide an outstanding community service and we are grateful for their commitment to keeping students safe on their way to school and home again, not only on the first day of school, but throughout the school year," added John Crocco, the campaign and 138 motor- school zones throughout the Niagara Catholic District School Board's education

Last year, more than 250 vehicles were stopped during

infractions of the Highway

Police will continue to conduct traffic safety programs in

ists received fine notices for region for the entire school

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#### CHARITY: Event on Sept. 20 inspired by heroic effort



Phil Busby, co-organizer of Welland's Terry Fox Run at Merritt island on Wednesday,

# **Terry Fox Run marks** 35th anniversary

Canada will celebrate an important anniversary later this month.

On Sept. 20, participants will lace up their sneakers for the 35th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, or the Terry Fox Run. It's the 33rd year for the Welland

The Canadian hero ran for 143 days and covered 5,373 kilometres, starting April 12, 1980 in St. John's, NL, He was forced to stop in September in Thunder Bay when it was discovered the cancer that had claimed much of Terry Fox's leg had spread to his lungs.

Terry died on June 28, 1981. He was The Marathon of Hope had a lasting

impression on Canadians and has been held every year since to raise money for cancer research. This year's Welland run will take place

Sept. 20 at the Merritt Island canal trail. co-organized by Welland brothers Phil Busby and Dave Sinclair.

Busby said he wanted to take over organizing the event because he's always been inspired by Terry Fox.

"Being a runner myself, I know all the hard work and dedication that goes into running that kind of mileage," he said, "When I lived in Ottawa, it really sort of hit me on a personal level. I saw the statue there and all that, and it gave me a visual."

He added he has had family members affected by cancer and has "lost a few." "It's something, again, that has affected me personally on that level."

The brothers are aiming for 150 participants, but Busby said they are ready for more, if more people come. He said

they're looking to build up the run and watch it grow over the next couple of

The event is open for anybody to participate in, whether people wish to run. walk or bike. There is no entry fee or minimum pledges or donations. A complimentary lunch will be provided to all those who participate.

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# **Workers memorial needs permanent home**

#### KADENA WAITED Postmedia Network

A St. Catharines memorial for workers killed on the job needs a new home

But where that should be is a matter of debate.

The Niagara Regional Labour Council wants the granite monument moved to city hall's front lawn for emphasis. The city's public art advisory committee says other locations should be considered, because of access and esthetic issues.

It will be up to city councillors on Monday night to decide how to proceed City hall is the political centre of St. Catharines," said Chris

Grawey, vice-president of Niagara District Labour Council. By relocating the monument to city hall, it demonstrates the city is concerned about these tragedies that are ongoing, it acknowledges they persist, and the city is acting as a leader in righting

these wrongs." Grawey will be at city hall Monday asking councillors to turn down a staff recommendation that the public art advisory committee and labour council consider more options for the monument's location.

The Day of Mourning Tribute to Workers Memorial had been standing since 1995 on the corner of St. Paul and McGuire Streets. next to the Burgovne Bridge.

It was removed in 2013, though, because of construction of the bridge and temporarily placed in nearby Memorial Park, which is home to the cenotaph. At the time, city council asked

staff to get feedback from the military community on making Memorial Park the permanent site for the workers monument.

A report to council for Monday says feedback from the Royal Canadian Legion branch 24 confirmed the military community doesn't support putting a memorial of a non-military nature in

The labour council then requested the memorial be installed on the grounds of city

In May this year, city council asked staff to report on the cost and process for permanently relocating the monument to city hall in time for the National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2016. The public art advisory committee would be

included in the discussions. But the committee found while the city hall lawn provides plenty of space for the monument, pedestrian traffic

would be limited. It anticipated the monument would have to be set back on the Church Street lawn, making it inaccessible to most passersby.

The committee also said the monument, similar to a gravestone, would provide "little esthetic value to the city hall landscape

Phil Cristi, the city's manager of programs and cultural services, said the committee went back to the Niagara Regional Labour Council and asked if it would consider going back to the original monument location. But the labour council really wants it to be at city hall.

What we are trying to do is just engage the Niagara Regional Labour Council in further conversation," Cristi said He said while city hall isn't a bad loca-

tion, it's not a large site. They need to "We want to give it the prominence it deserves," Cristi said, "We want to make

sure it's in a location that's appropriate. where pedestrian traffic wouldn't be limited. The labour council passed a motion at its June delegate meeting that it work

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#### DAY OF MOURNING TRIBUTE TO WORKERS MEMORIAL

Unveiled on April 28, 1995 on east side of McGuire Street near St. Paul Street Recognizes Canadian workers killed or disabled by injury or disease in the

On it: "Fight for the living, mourn for the It was sponsored by partners who are now represented by the Niagara Regional Labour Council

with the city to relocate the monument to a prominent location at city hall. "All the delegates in attendance at our labour council meeting were delighted with the prospect that the monument would be

relocated to city hall," Grawey said. "The location would enhance the visibility and accessibility to the monument. It would no longer be in the vicinity of the cenotaph and it would demonstrate to workers that the city is committed to honouring injured and fallen

Grawey argued the sombre nature of the monument would actually encourage people passing by to interact with it. There is precedent, he said, as Niagara Falls city hall. Fort Erie town hall and Niagara Region headquarters have workers' monuments on their properties.





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#### POLITICS

### Change at Marineland possible: Greens

#### RAY SPITERI

Postmedia Network It's time for Marineland to evolve from an animal theme park to a facil-

ity that strictly focuses on rides, says Niagara Falls Green candidate Steven Soos.

"We want to see them move to amusement, this means putting up more rides and roller-coasters," he said during a press conference Friday outside the Niagara Falls attraction.

"Canada's Wonderland did this. It's not impossible to do." Soos was joined by Niagara Centre

Green candidate David Clow, Ontario Green Leader Mike Schreiner and supporters, all who oppose whales and dolphins in captivity.

Soos said a Green government would be willing to financially support

a Marineland transition. "We're not going to create conflict with Marineland, Companies have to innovate all the time, they must change their business model to improve their business," he said, adding more tourists would want to visit Marineland if it

no longer had captive animals. "We don't mind if Marineland operates. We understand that there are 700 jobs here. We're not planning to phase those jobs out. I want to make that very clear. We want Marineland to move from the business of captivity to

the business of amusement. "We need to protect tourism and the

rights of animals at the same time. The Greens support a federal bill that was introduced by a Nova Scotia senator in June that aims to phase out marine mammal captivity across Canada

Tabled by Senate Liberal Wilfred Moore, the Ending the Captivity of Whales and Dolphins Act would ban breeding, acquisition and live captures of whales, dolphins and por-

poises throughout the country. It expands on a similar law - Bill 80 passed in Ontario in May that prohibits the breeding and acquisition of

orcas in the province. Moore's effort has been backed by federal Green Leader Elizabeth May.

Clow said he remembers going to Marineland on class and family trips and having "mixed feelings." "I've been coming (to demonstra-

tions) here for years now supporting an end to captivity. But I also know that there are two sides to every

That's why Clow said the federal government should assist parks such as Marineland during a phased transition.

Schreiner said the "reality" is global opinion suggests the majority of people believe it's "wrong" to keep whales and dolphins in captivity.



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# **Blockbuster show 'fuels future success'**

#### RAY SPITERI Niagara Falls Review

A blockbuster New Year's Eve show in Niagara Falls serves as a catalyst for future long-term tourism growth, says Mayor Jim Dio-

New Year's Eve is a busy night in the Honeymoon Capital with or without the likes of Keith Urban or Demi Lovato, who have headlined the last two concerts. No matter the level of entertainment, hotels are booked solid and surrounding businesses make out quite well that night.

But it's that star power - and top-notch national television production value - that leaves a lasting impression on millions of Canadians, said Diodati.

'We, as a city on our own, can't afford to buy that kind of expo-sure," he said. "No, we don't need (a star-studded lineup) for New Year's Eve itself. What we need it for is for those millions of people sitting in their living rooms. watching Niagara Falls under the bright lights, planning their next

"The phenomenon of the Nik Wallenda wirewalk and the Red Bull Crashed Ice event wasn't just the benefits the night of those events, it was what it did for our city in the months and years after

It finals finture success Despite no commitment from Global that it will televise this year's New Year's Eve concert, Diodati is adamant a media report claiming Global TV has "scrapped" the show is not true. This past weekend, website Pop Goes The News posted a story claiming Global's parent company Shaw Media has pulled the plug "due to the high cost of producing the show." The story cites

unnamed sources, and said no official announcement has been Diodati said he contacted Global during the weekend and was

told the show has "absolutely not" been cancelled. He said talks are ongoing with

Global, with another round of talks set for the end of this week. Diodati said because the budget gets bigger and the talent more high-profile every year, it's only natural to expect long talks about who's paying for what.

But he said local businesses, organizations and governments have committed financial support for this year's show and that everyone, including Global, "doesn't

want to go backward." "We don't want to sit back, we want to keep the momentum we have going and grow on that momentum. We want the level of talent and production to remain the same, but obviously there are always budgetary pressures and new costs and

we're all trying to sort that out." Niagara Falls Tourism chairman Wayne Thomson said although hotel rooms would be booked on New Year's Eve whether there is a blockbuster concert or not, the rates would depend on the quality of the show.

"If you have great entertainment, all the rooms are filled at the rates expected of a major destination on New Year's Eve," he said.

"If the entertainment is not that great, the rooms are booked, but the rates would certainly change. Thomson said all the players are "trying to come up with the dollars" to make

it takes time. "You can't overstate what having Niagara Falls live across Canada on Global means when it comes to marketing opportunities," he said. "When you are the No. 1 show in the country, with fireworks over the falls and people in Vancouver and Edmonton seeing that, putting Niagara Falls on their bucket list.

that's what it's all about."

Niagara Parks Commission chairwoman Ianice Thomson said it's "become expected\* that Niagara Falls will go one better each New Year's Eve.

She said the cost of putting on the show would "never justify the cost for one night of business," but that's not what the New Year's Eve concert is all about.

"It's about that national recognition. that visual image that keeps Niagara Falls top of mind for people, as a place to come

Last year's show cost about \$3 million to produce, the "lion's share" paid by Global, said Diodati,

Thomson said no matter what happens with negotiations with Global, there will be a New Year's Eve event at Queen Victoria Park

She said parks commission staff are already working on getting staging in

Place.

"The parks commission has commiting some level of entertainment at Queen Victoria Park. That much is certain

this year's concert bigger and better, but A spokesperson for Global TV could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Earlier this summer, Shaw Media said there were no confirmed plans for the year ahead, but talks were continuing with New Year's Eve partners at the city, the parks commission and tourism industry. A spokeswoman later added there should be more information later



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#### Concussions top of mind in new school year

#### DON FRASER Protmadia Notwork

This fall, District School Board of Niagara is shead of the curve

As thousands of students start another year of school, students attending DSBN schools will join a huge new concussion edu-

cation program and action-plan. It's part of a growing trend among schools and post-secondary institutions - including Ridley College and the Niagara Catholic board - to address the growing concern of

bead injuries At DSBN, the program goes as far as to provide young kids with stickers for their shirts telling others they've bumped their head and "please keep an eye on me

"It's a really comprehensive new concussion education program," said DSBN superintendent of education Lora Courtois of its Head Strong: Playing Safe and Staying

Healthy program. Courtois said the board is aware concussions are an issue, and for the past three years has hosted an international concussion sum-

The Education Ministry has also released concussion guidelines to assist with the board's policy.

A pilot program was held last spring, with feedback sought to help tweak the program. Coaches and administrative staff have also been trained in it, she said Starting this fall, students will get concus-

sion-education lessons in grades 1, 4, 8 and "The focus for those lessons stating in Grade 1 is simply getting kids to report their

concussions, to tell people when you've had a bump on your bead ... signs and symptoms and reporting their own and friend's signs and symptoms," Courtois said.

"For instance, 'my friend is wobbly' is a term students might use in Grade 1." Students are also told about post-concussion recovery at school - and that it may include not being part of recess for a while

or temporarily avoiding rooms with bright lights The aim, Courtois said, is also to reduce

concussions and shorten recovery times, while boosting support. "It's those two steps; returning to learn and

return to play," she explained. 'The board has also developed a children's book called Oliver's Bug Bump - a graphicnovel about getting a concussion and recov-

ering from it A Head Strong kit for resources is available for every administrator that includes the policy, instructions for suspected concussion cases, presentation, posters and the wearable

Niagara Catholic District School Board has

concussion-caution stickers.

its own policy adopted in December 2014 that folds in detailed prevention, procedures, responsibilities and parent/guardian co-operation.

Its opening policy statement says the board recognizes "children and adolescents are among those at greatest risk for concussions and ... the risk is greatest where collisions

can occur, such as during physical education classes, playground time or school-based sports activities.

Ridley's sports therapist, Lenny Ferraro, said his school's has had a concussion protocol that follows international guidelines since 2000. can be accessed from anywhere and and has been using an online contransferred to other schools or teams cussion program since 2010.

Online baseline and followup tests are a tool Ferram and doctors use to evaluate a student's readiness to return to sports

It is also provides an easier way for them to track current and previous injuries, Ferraro said, as the results

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# **LOCALNEWS**

■ WELLNESS: New equine therapy being offered

# **Making an emotional connection**

#### FRANKI IKEMAN Postmedia Network

A Niagara-based social worker is offering a new kind of therapy for people who are struggling with their mental health.

Stephanie Baker has been in social work - primarily as a talk therapist - for 20 years. She has worked in talk therapy in the Niagara region since the beginning and also teaches at McMaster University and Wilfred Laurier University.

She stumbled on FEEL (Facilitated Equine Experiential Learning) therapy through work she was doing and when the opportunity arose for her to train in FEEL. she jumped on it.

"A lot of the horse therapy programs that exist are really

are living with physical and developmental disabilities, Baker said, "This is different because this supports people more on an emotional canacity. With trauma, addiction, learning healthy boundaries,

developing self-awareness." With no prior horse contact or experience, Baker partnered with Kayla Whatling, owner of Half House Acres. an equestrian facility in Thorold, and began helping her on the farm and getting to know the horses in January.

'Kayla and I are really excited because this has been several months in the making, I just completed my training in July," Baker said, 'At this point now, we're looking at offering therapy to folks who are interested and

geared towards folks that willing to experience a different kind of therapy."

Baker's training certifies her to practice Equine Facilitated Psyochotherapy. She says it's a therapy model that is really well suited for people with issues such as addiction, trauma, sexual abuse or sexual trauma, depression, anxiety and eating disorders, as well as people who

cation, self-awareness and self-esteem "What it does is supports people in becoming more connected and more attuned with what's going on in their body. And it speeds up the therapeutic process because the horses are so attuned to what's going on in terms of a person's energy that it helps

them move through whatever

have issues with communi-

it is they're wrestling with a lot quicker than talk therapy or cognitive processing types of therapies," she said.

Baker said horses do well in this kind of work because their natural instincts as prev animals has allowed them to develop a way of living in their environment that makes them very responsive and reactive to the energies within it

"They're very attuned to the energy in the environment and they communicate primarily non-verbally, so when you introduce a person into the mix and you're looking at doing this kind of therapy, the horses primarily do the work," Baker said. Her role in the sessions

is to get to know the person and their needs and develop activities to help them work through whatever it is they're struggling with, she said. After that, she hands the work off to the borses

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Stephanie Baker, left, and Kayla Whatling with Apollo.

to the type of training Baker "They're instrumental." Baker said, "I would say that is doing I do very little in terms of this

She said she watched Bakwork, the horses really are the er's therapy work on one of stars in this work and they are her boarders that was having eavera confidence issues with

Whatling said that Baker's the horses "I've seen it work and it's amazing stuff," Whatling learning about the horses has said, "I'm happy to have it been really great to see. She also said she was surprised at bere and do it here, I think how well her horses reacted it's a fantastic program. The therapy takes place entirely from the ground there is no riding involved. The first session is usually used for the client to meet the horses, and see which one

they connect with the best. Baker said it's more like the horses pick the person. Whatling said all of her boarders have given Baker permission to use their horses is they are needed, because there is no riding so no possible negative impacts on the horses.

Baker and Whatling want to spread the word that this therapy is now available.

For me this bas become a really important part of the work that I do," said Baker, "I think what I've recognized is that cognitive processing is not enough when it comes to the more serious and chronic issues I'm working with."

Baker is taking clients on on an appointment-only basis. People who are interested in speaking with her regarding therapy are encouraged to contact her at 905-641-7691 or at stephbaker1@gmail.com. Half House Acres can be found on Facebook at https:// umny facubook com/Half HouseAcres/timeline.

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ship matches. The first will match any donations made by a person wbo has never donated before. The other will match new leadership gifts of \$1,000 or greater, or current leadership donors who increase their donation by 10 per

The United Way of South Niagara has been working to improve the con munity for 51 years. It that time it has raised about \$30 million to fund agen cies in Welland, Port Colborne, Pel-

This is my third campaign, and I'm always surprised that people have heard of the United Way but they don't know what we do. But we are starting to see folks having a better understanding of what we do and our cam-

paign," Coleman-Lawrie said. She said "if the United Way didn't exist, there wouldn't be nutrition for (some needy) children ... agencies wouldn't be able to fund programs and

services for the community The event will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and include a hot breakfast and spo ken word artist Vanessa McGowan will perform.

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# **LOCALNEWS**

■ NIAGARA: Recalling the day England's longest-serving monarch came to visit

# Niagara's royal touch

### Susie was too young to be

#### Postmedia Network

nervous about a Oueen. Unlike the adults around her, the 1972 Grape Princess didn't comprehend how hig a deal this puhlic appearance was at the St. Catharines train station.

"The train was super late. so it was kind of boring for a five-year-old," recalls Susie Chapman-Thomas of that June 28, 1973 day. "And it was raining off and on." Susie was holding flow-

ers that had been delivered to her house from Vine Floral and had later been inspected by the RCMP. She had heen chosen to

hand a houquet to Queen Elizaheth II when she eventually arrived at the station. 30 minutes behind sched-

"She actually spoke to me for quite a hit," recalls Chapman-Thomas, who now lives in Michigan. "She was really kind. She asked me ahout myself and if I had sihlings.

"It was a pretty quick visit in and out

Queen Elizabeth II will become the longest-reigning British monarch on Wednesday, surpassing the record held hy Queen Vic-

During a reign that's lasted more than 63 years, she's been to Canada multiple times but visited Niagara only once as Queen. She previously visited the region on Oct. 15, 1951 as a princess, less than four months before her father King George VI died.

The 1973 visit saw a large crowd of about 2,500 gathered in the rain at the St. Catharines train station, patiently holding umhrellas, garhage hags and even a large sheet of plastic as

they waited They cheered when the Queen appeared on the train platform with Prince Philip close hehind. "As she stepped from the train, the rain, as if sensing the royal presence, came to a complete halt," a Standard

reporter wrote. The Queen was introduced to Mayor Joe Reid and other city and government officials on the plat-

Among them was 27-year-old city alderman Jim Bradley, who admits he

was nervous

We all were," recalled Bradley, who has met the Queen at various events since then as the St. Catharines MPP, "When the members of councils were chatting together. they were all quite nervous ahout what they should say and shouldn't say. None of

them wanted to slip up in terms of protocol. "And everyone was fretting about the weather. because they were so hoping it would he a hright sunny day in St. Catharines. But it was a drizzle."

Bradley said there was a lot of anticipation about the visit hy members of city council and in the community. He said recent immigrants from the British Isles were more common at the time, and some of the people in the crowd would have remembered the Queen's coronation. Bradley doesn't recall the

exact words of his exchange

with the Queen, hut told

the Standard at the time that she asked if he was really a member of council hecause of his youthful appearance.

Bradley said the Queen made a good impression, was very disarming and put people at ease.

Former city alderman David Lewis recalled they were taught what they should and shouldn't do. such as addressing the Queen as Her Majesty. Women in the procession line had to wear hats. Lewis said the Queen was

very reserved, while Prince Philip was more chatty and hung hehind talking to "She was probably the

most disciplined person I have met." Lewis recalled. "She knew exactly what was happening with whom'

After greetings and speeches, the Lincoln and Welland Regiment Band struck up O Canada, Susie handed over the flowers and the Oueen did an unexpected walkahout.

"The tight security broke down as people swarmed

forward and photographers moved out of their assigned area to catch the activity as the Queen and Prince Philip walked their way along the stands, shaking hands and speaking to some of the elderly there,"

the Standard reported. A motorcade then snaked through streets of people to Niagara-on-the-Lake. where the royal couple attended a performance of Shaw's You Never Can Tell. Bradley said the visit was

"It was uplifting for the community at that time and I think for mayor Reid particularly," he said, adding it was the highlight for all those fortunate to he on

unforgetable.

city council then. Chapman-Thomas recalled Reid teaching her how to curtsy in his office

at city hall. It was explained to her who the Queen was, hut she didn't fully understand the fuss at the time. "It was cool later to think about it and for my kids to see the pictures."

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#### WHAT YOU SAID ON FACEBOOK AND EMAIL Linda Jardine: "I was maybe

10 or 11 and we lived on Gibson Place beside my old Victoria school. I remember a huge amount of people lined up on Niagara Street to see her drive by in her limo... They did drive relatively slow but it was just a blur to us. For some reason I do remember actually seeing her though. We didn't go to any of her "events" as my parent both worked but I sure do recall waiting what seemed like forever, way back then."

Greg Howe: "I was at the train station, we were friends of the RCMP guy who stood by them, my sister got a closeup of them in the car with Philip posing for the

Lynne Lovett-Hildebrand: "Saw them pass at Parnell and Niagara Streets. Prince Philip stuck his head out of the window and got a huge raindrop in the eve for his

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